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Office Action Summary

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Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 02 November 2009.
- 2a) ☐ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☒ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-17 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☐ The drawing(s) filed on _____ is/are: a) ☐ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
- Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- Replacement drawing sheet(s) including the correction is required if the drawing(s) is objected to. See 37 CFR 1.121(d).
- 11) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner. Note the attached Office Action or form PTO-152.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119

- 12) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☐ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
 2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
 3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).

* See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO/SB/C)
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413)
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application
- 6) ☐ Other: _____
- Paper No(s)/Mail Date _____

1. A request for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, including the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e), was filed in this application after final rejection. Since this application is eligible for continued examination under 37 CFR 1.114, and the fee set forth in 37 CFR 1.17(e) has been timely paid, the finality of the previous Office action has been withdrawn pursuant to 37 CFR 1.114. Applicant's submission filed on November 2, 2009 has been entered.

2. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

Claims 1-3,8-10,17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Varley (U.S. 6,152,207).

Varley discloses a door comprising vertical sides 28,30,36,38 having slots 36a,38a which define flanges, a flexible shutter 18 which presses against and overlaps an outer face of the flange (see figure 1A), a transverse stiffening bar 54,62,22,22a having engaged therein a guide device 24,42,42a,42b,54a,54b offset relative to a plane of the shutter.

3. Claims 1-4,8-10,17 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Lichy (U.S. Patent No. 5,765,622).

Lichy discloses a door comprising vertical slides 20 having flanges 34,26, a flexible shutter 12,46,51 which presses and overlaps the flanges (see figure 2), a transverse stiffening bar 22,86 having engaged therein a guide device 82,84 offset relative to a plane of the shutter.

4. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

Claims 4,5 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Varley (U.S. 6,152,207) in view of Krafutler (U.S. Patent No. 5,056,579).

While Varley does not disclose the guide device as having a breakaway or deformation zone, Krafutler discloses a door comprising a guide device 42,43 having a breakaway or deformation zone 422,433, wherein, to incorporate this teaching into the door of Varley for its explicit function of avoiding door damage if impacted would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

5. Claim 5 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Lichy (U.S. Patent No. 5,765,622) in view of Krafutler (U.S. Patent No. 5,056,579).

While Lichy does not disclose the guide device as having a breakaway or deformation zone, Krafutler discloses a door comprising a guide device 42,43 having a breakaway or deformation zone 422,433, wherein, to incorporate this teaching into the

door of Lichy for its explicit function of avoiding door damage if impacted would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art.

6. Claims 6,7,11-16 are objected to as being dependent upon a rejected base claim, but would be allowable if rewritten in independent form including all of the limitations of the base claim and any intervening claims.

7. Applicant's arguments with respect to claims have been considered but are moot in view of the new ground(s) of rejection as necessitated by the amendment further clarifying the shutter as pressing against and overlapping an outer face of a flange with the outer face running substantially parallel to a lateral surface of the shutter.

8. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the Examiner should be directed to David M. Purol whose telephone number is (571) 272-6833.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the Examiner's supervisor, Katherine Mitchell, can be reached at (571) 272-7069. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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